

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 10, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested. In the Office Action, the Examiner has withdrawn the previous rejection of claims 1-3. The Examiner herein imposes a new rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Allen (US 6,825,843) in view of Lueh (US 6,966,057). Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Allen and Lueh in view of Kiriansky (US Pub. 2004/0133777). The remaining claims 4-25 are indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant has rewritten independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Amended claim 1 is therefore now in condition for allowance. The Applicant has also edited the claims to eliminate the objections raised by the Examiner under 35 USC §112.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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